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## DR. CHARLES SPENCER SMITH

His Spendid Record Re-Examined and a Scathing Rebuke Hurlled at Anonymous Letter-Writers.

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[From the Church Political Dictionary.]

**Assassin**—A sneak who shoots from the dark upon a man standing in the light.

**Candidate**—A bad man who wants a position some good man occupies.

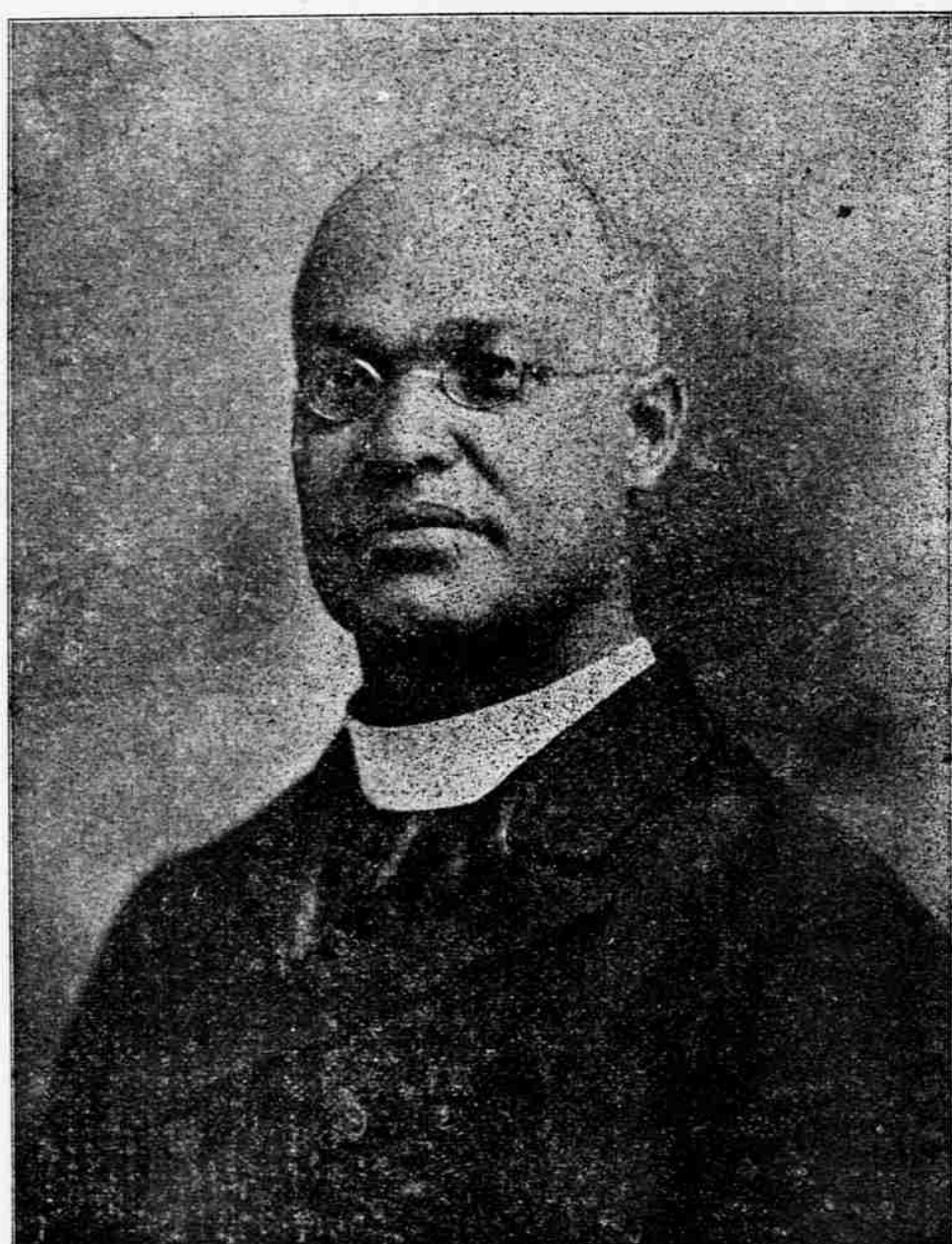
**Mud-Slinger**—A mongrel who throws mud, but is himself so deep in the mire that he cannot be seen.

**"J. H."**—An editor correspondent.

S. Timothy Tice, D. D., a preacher by profession and editor for convenience, has a curious chain of circumstances attendant upon his malicious attacks upon Dr. Charles Spencer Smith and the A. M. E. Sunday School Union. His worthy print "The Negro Appeal," with its incongruous ensemble of mottoes nailed to its masthead, pleading for justice, while the editor is dispensing in justice, reminds one of the halcyon days when pirates rode the the seas.

To the simple mathematician who knows no better than to put two and two together, it does seem that the above named gentleman is playing a heart rending Sancho Panza to Brother J. H. Murphy's Don Quixote. On January 5, the Appeal with great flourish of trumpets and beating of drums placed Mr. Murphy in nomination for the position of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Sunday School Union, and with indelicate succession in its next issue it attempted by innuendo to cast reflections upon Dr. Smith, the present incumbent. One week the irrepressible Tice had created a candidate, and the next week he set about trying to find a place for him. In his zeal to locate his friend, he has transcended all bounds of honorable journalism, and permitted an anonymous writer to vent his venom upon Dr. Smith.

This article was purported to have been written in Nashville on January 16th, and it is fair to suppose that the mythical individual who uses the nom de guerre of "J. H." did not mail his letter before he wrote it. Thus, it left Nashville, in supposition, at 8 o'clock p. m., January 16. In due course of mail it would arrive Annapolis some



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time during the day of the 18th, the day the Appeal went to press. The rather lengthy article was set up, read, corrected and the unabridged edition of the Appeal was printed and reached Nashville on the 20th.

Of course this is a matter of small significance, because in these commencement de siecle days of modern journalism, the esteemed but obscure "J. H." may have used a carrier-pigeon or the telegraph, or as is more likely, the correspondent and editor are so closely bound by instinct, environment and thought, that the highest state of telepathy was developed, and the editor thought what his correspondent would have written and dispensed with mails and other carriers.

Be that as it may, a letter signed "J. H." was published in the Appeal. We cannot imagine who "J. H." may be. Those letters may stand for John Hogshead or Jim Hairpin. He may live in Nashville, but if his biography were

known I think we would find him to be a child of circumstance and that he was born in Annapolis. Believe me, my countrymen, there is no reputable citizen of Nashville who would make such a sweeping misstatement of facts, even in a paper of a circulation so abbreviated as the Annapolis hand bill.

"J. H." after scratching his editor's back (or his own) by saying his "able and unanswerable article" in The Christian Recorder had created a great stir," declared that Brother Tice had "brought the church face to face with a great, grave problem." Then in accents disconsolate he wails "What is the church going to do with Smith? He has hypnotized the whole thing." That was the only true statement he made: Dr. Smith has hypnotized the whole thing. And pray is there any wonder? Should he not have the everlasting gratitude of the church? Has he not spent a life of vigor, intelligence and rare business ability to the extension of

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## A SOUTHERN PASTIME

A Few Suggestions as to Lynching—Bruce Grit Favors Up-to-date Methods—Etc.

To improve the monotony attendant upon Lynching Bees in the South, I beg most respectfully to suggest to the red-handed gentlemen? who engage in that pleasing diversion, a few changes in their methods which are now too common-place. First class lynching parties for 1900 should have as honorary members, the governor of the state, the attorney general and the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the lynching occurs. The lynching should be announced in about this form:

A committee of the best citizen of — county and — state, beg to announce that they have perfected all necessary arrangements for a grand nigger roast, (American fashion) at the cross-roads on — 1900, at which time a big burly Negro will be artistically roasted until life is extinct. Nothing but the best pitch pine and brush wood will be used in this magnificent crematorial exhibition and the oil used in saturating the darkey will be 95 proof, standard. After his last gasp, the superintendent of the village Sabbath school and a committee of ladies, including the injured lady, in whose honor the exhibition will be given, will serve choice cuts of roast darkey to those desiring souvenirs of the occasion. A small charge of ten cents per slice will be made to those who may desire portions of the Negro's heart or liver. An extra charge of 25 cents each will be made for the teeth of the darkey which will make very pretty watch charms.

A feature of the exhibition will be a shooting contest between rival local militias, the novelty of this feature consists in filling the Negro's mouth with lead, the company placing the most bullets therein, to be given a handsome chromo representing the crucifixion of Christ, or 200 rounds of cartridges for use in future contests. During the exercises and before the torch is applied, there will be a cake walk and Miss —, the daughter of the injured lady will sing a number of spic coon songs. The whole to conclude with the singing of Dixie accompanied by the village brass band.

Trains will be run from — to — every half hour. The committee pledges itself to make this the most enjoyable and attractive nigger-roast ever

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